

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for holding a percutaneous endoscopic gastrotomy (PEG) tube proximate to a recipient comprising:

a front side comprising:

a left section having a surface at least partially covered by a refastenable material,

a right section having a surface at least partially covered by a refastenable

material, and

a middle section not including an adhesive material, ~~having a surface including a first material~~; and

a backside comprising:

an adhesive section having a surface at least partially covered by a hypoallergenic adhesive, and

a non-adhesive section having a surface including a second material.

2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the refastenable material is VELCRO®.

3. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 where the middle section comprises first material is cotton.

4. (cancelled)

5. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the second material is cotton.

6. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the second material covers substantially all of the non-adhesive section.
7. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the hypoallergenic adhesive covers substantially all of the adhesive section.
8. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the hypoallergenic adhesive includes one or more strips on the surface of the adhesive.
9. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the hypoallergenic adhesive is covered by a protective cover.
10. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 having a notch removed from a first portion of the non-adhesive section and the one or more sections of the front side opposed to the first portion of the non-adhesive section.
11. (currently amended) A method of applying an PEG holder to a recipient in order to hold a PEG tube comprising:
  - adhering a back side of the PEG holder to the recipient, wherein the PEG holder includes a front side and a back side, wherein the front side includes a left section having a surface at least partially covered by a refastenable material, a right section having a surface at least partially covered by the refastenable material, and a middle section, not including an adhesive material,

and wherein the back side includes a surface at least partially covered by a hypoallergenic adhesive;

placing the PEG tube in the middle section; and

affixing the refastenable material to the left section to the refastenable material of the right section.

12. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein placing the PEG tube further comprises aligning the PEG tube such that a receiving end of the PEG tube extends substantially vertically upward.

13. (original) The method of claim 11 further comprising, before the adhering step, removing a protective cover covering the hypoallergenic adhesive.

14. (currently amended) A method of removing a PEG tube from a PEG holder attached to a recipient comprising:

unfastening a refastenable material of a left section of a PEG holder from a refastenable right section of a PEG holder, wherein the PEG holder includes a front side and a back side, wherein the front side includes a left section having the refastenable material, a right side having the refastenable material, and a middle section, not including an adhesive material, and wherein the back side is adhered to a recipient; and

removing the PEG tube from the middle section.

15. (original) The method of claim 14 further comprising removing the back side of the PEG holder from the recipient.